(c) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the existing cold storage facilities available at Visakhapatnam, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct a study to find out aspect of problems of fishing industry at Visakhapatnam, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No proposal to make available cold storage facilities at Visakhapatnam has been received by the Government of India so far. However, a sizeable capacity of cold storage facilities owned by the private sector exists at Visakhapatnam.

(c) Yes, Sir. A detailed survey of cold storage facilities available in the country including Visakhapatnam has been conducted with the help of Indian Institute of Management, Ahemdabad.

(d) The Government is constantly monitoring the problems of the fishing industry in the country for taking appropriate measures.

Taking over of Nationalised Sugar Factories by the Bihar Government

1363. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the three sugar factories namely S.K.G. Siwan, S.K.G. Hathawa and S.K.G. Lauriya which are owned by the Dalmia Jain concern are closed indefinitely;

(b) whether it is a fact that these three mills have been taken over recently by the Bihar Government;

(c) whether Government are aware that the three mills mentioned above have not yet cleared the arrears of the cane growers to the tune of more than Rs. 3 crores;

(d) whether the three mills will start crushing sugarcane this season; and

(e) whether the Central Government will advise the Bihar Government to pay back all the dues of the cane growers of these mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The three mills have not worked since last season i.e. 1984-85.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Only S.K.G. mills, Lauriya has furnished estimates of crushing for 1985-86 season but no information is available as to whether the factory has actually started working. No estimate has been received from the other two mills.

(e) The Central Government have been writing to the Bihar Government from time to time about expeditious clearance of cane price arrears. They have been addressed again on 26th November, 1985 in respect of these three mills.

Production of vanaspati and edible oils

1364. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total production of vanaspati and other edible oils during the last three years and what has been the price of these oils during the last three years; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to increase the production and check the use in prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The production of vanaspati and edible oils during the last three years has been as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Production of vanaspati	Production of edible oils
1982-83	8·93	30·21
1983-84	8·81	33·00
1984-85	9·17 (Provisional)	36·08 (Estimated)

The ex-factory prices of vanaspati were a under :

Period	Price	
	(Rs.)	
September, 1979 to 16-2-82	192·00	per 16·5 kg. tin.
17-2-82 to 23-5-84	217·00	per 16·5 kg. tin.
24-5-84 to 18-3-85	219·00	per 15 kg. tin.
19-3-85 to 14-11-85	229·50	Do.
15-11-85 onwards	250·00	Do.

The price of different edible vary from State to State and time to time depending upon the lean and flush season.

The issue price of imported edible oils to the States/Union Territories for Public Distribution System and to vanaspati industry has been as under:

	Issue price (Rs. per tonne)	
	from 24-5-84	from 15-11-85
For PDS in bulk	8,000	9,000
For PDS in tins	9,500	10,500
To Vanaspati Industry	9,500	11,500

(b) Following steps have been taken to increase the production of vanaspati:—

(1) imported oil is supplied to vanaspati industry at lower price as compared to indigenous oil-prices.

(2) imported oil at commercial rate was also supplied to vanaspati units during the lean season of oil depending upon the availability of indigenous oils.

(3) other inputs like vitamins, coal etc. are also supplied to industry through coordinated efforts of various Ministries and agencies of Government.

The measures taken by the Government to increase the production of oilseeds and oils are as follows:

(1) Implementation of the National Oilseeds Development Project covering special project on ground nut, rapeseed/mustard, soyabean and sunflower, besides incentive development work on other oilseeds. The programme, *inter alia*, aims at the development of non-traditional oilseeds, increase in areas under irrigated crops, particularly groundnut in rabi/summer season, basic inputs and free distribution of seed-cum-fertiliser mini kits on a large scale.

(2) National Dairy Development Boards' Oilseeds Project: State

level cooperative oilseeds growers' federations have been formed in seven States under the Project for Restructuring of Edible Oils and Oilseeds Production and Marketing through National Dairy Development Board.

(3) Better incentive to producers through fixation of minimum support prices.

(4) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the productivity of oilseeds.

(5) Increase in area under non-traditional oilseeds crop like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin ricebran etc.

(6) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.

With the proper supply management of imported edible oils under PDS, the prices of indigenous oils have been stabilised.

Builders of Modern India Series

1365. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of titles published so far in the Builders of Modern India Series by the Publications Department of his Ministry; and

(b) the number of titles brought out in Urdu and other regional languages so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) 139 titles have been published so far in English, Hindi and regional languages in this series.

(b) 2 titles in Urdu and 23 titles in other regional languages have been published so far in this series.

Construction of houses by DDA and housing societies

1366. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed in Delhi by the various housing societies and the DDA during the last two years; and

(b) the number of houses constructed during the current year by the various housing societies and the D.D.A. in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Delhi Development Authority have reported that the number of houses constructed in Delhi by various group housing societies and DDA during the last two years is as follows:—

1	Group Housing Societies	2885 (Approx.)
2.	D.D.A.	20021

(b) Number of houses/flats constructed during the current year by the various group housing societies is approx. 1638.

The number of houses completed by DDA during a particular year (financial year) is compiled after 31st March of each year. However, 78520 flats of various categories are under construction at present.

सरताज ट्रैक्टरों पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाया जाना

1367. श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब ट्रैक्टर लिमिटेड चण्डीगढ़ द्वारा निर्मित सरताज ट्रैक्टर पूर्वी उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार की दलदली (चौरवाली) भूमि में असफल सिद्ध हुआ जिसके परिणामस्वरूप इसकी बिक्री पर प्रतिबंध लगाया